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TO: All Licensed Prehospital Services

FROM: Tami Thompson, Trauma Care Fund Prehospital Needs Grant Coordinator

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SUBJECT: PREHOSPITAL NEEDS GRANT

The Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System is pleased to announce the release of the Trauma Care Fund Prehospital Needs Grant Application for the 2005-2007 Biennium. This is the fifth Needs Grant available to prehospital providers since the passage of the Trauma Care Service Funding Act of 1997. There is \$300,000 available for prehospital needs grants for this biennium.

As a trauma verified service, or a licensed service needing assistance to become verified, you are eligible for this grant. The purpose of this grant is to help prehospital services offset unreimbursed costs for EMS and trauma care.

Attached is the Trauma Care Fund Prehospital Needs Grant Application you must complete to apply for these funds. The most important consideration of your grant request is that it must address a true need or hardship of your agency. Please be sure to comply with the timelines on page three of the application. All applications must be submitted to your Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council by November 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call Denece Thomas or Tami Thompson at 1-800-458-5281, extension 7 or (360) 236-2828.

Attachments: Trauma Care Fund Prehospital Needs Grant Application

Prehospital Needs Grant Workshop Flyer

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